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- 1 The Trinec (Q50/Q 57) Iron Works, a subsidiary of the
25X1 Czechoslovak Metallurgical Works (Ceskoslovenske Hutě),
25X1 employs almost 10,000 workers and produces rails, forged
25X1 strip iron, cast iron tractor parts, steel plates for
submarines, machine gun parts and tractor and tank tracks.
Rolled sheet iron made at this plant is shipped to the
Rolling Mills at Liskovec (Q50/Q 57).
- 2 About 4,000 of the plant's employees, the majority of whom
25X1 are Poles, are members of the Communist Party. [redacted]
[redacted] only 20-30 percent are convinced Communists.
Morale at the plant is low because the employees work a 12
hour day.
- 3 A recently constructed blast furnace, which makes up one fifth
25X1 of the plant, operates poorly and needs frequent repairs. It
is used exclusively for the processing of low-grade Russian
ore which contains only 30 percent of iron. [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] nearly one half of all the products made from this ore
are unfit for use and have to be scrapped.
- 4 Manager of the plant is Ing. (Ing) Pichan, a member of the
Communist Party, but not a convinced Communist. [redacted]
expects him to be replaced by his deputy, Ing. (Ing) Sejon,
a confirmed Communist.
- 5 Politically the plant is organized into three departments
Department 1 is headed by Ing. Sejon who is responsible to
the Ministry of Industry for the fulfillment of the Five-Year
Plan. Department 2 deals with problems of ROH, the trade
unions and is headed by Jindrich Nemetek. Department 3
takes care of Communist Party membership and is run by Alois
Cholera.

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6. The Workers' Militia at the plant numbers 140 men under the command of Cape Vladimir Vencel, who is also the Militia Commander for the district of Cesky Tesin (Q50/O 88). All of the militiamen are armed with rifles and some with bayonets. Vencel is to be replaced as District Militia Commander by Lt Col (fnu) Purcher, Provincial Commander of the SNB in Bratislava (P49/X 89).
7. A forced labor camp is attached to the plant. In April 1949 there were 66 prisoners in the camp.

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